



2014 Report to the Community



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ABOUT THIS REPORT



This Report to the Johns Creek Community is more than just a listing of financial figures and services delivered in 2014. It encapsulates many of the City's accomplishments over the last year, which were only possible through a strong partnership with the community we serve.

You don't get ahead by following the crowd. Or settling into the comfort of the status quo. Successful people set one personal goal after another and work hard to accomplish them. They change rules, look for better ways, rewrite history and usher in progress.

Perhaps that's why leaders and achievers are attracted to Johns Creek. Because we aren't satisfied with the status quo either. We are the exception to the everyday way of getting things done, and our achievements, from the top-performing schools to the some of the most memorable performances in golf and tennis, come from this vision of growth that's decades old.

Because Johns Creek is an environment that celebrates achievement, people and businesses here are primed to succeed. It starts young, by trying harder in school and it never ends, as business plans find momentum, companies grow, fine and performing arts flourish and athletes push themselves to compete at the highest level. Successful companies from international technology leaders to innovative startups are attracted to the community's pioneering approach.

Johns Creek is also a community focused on celebrating the human spirit in every capacity. The atmosphere is warm, friendly and accepting, a community of neighbors and friends. People help and support one another. Community groups are strengthened by a diversity of cultures and perspectives. But for all the rich ethnic and cultural diversity, there's still one common, community philosophy, embraced by everyone from school children to business leaders: success isn't an accident. It takes work.

Of course, much of the credit for Johns Creek comes down to its exceptional residents. Over the years, our citizens have done more than just raise families – they've raised standards as well. It's easy to see why Johns Creek boasts the top schools, businesses and residential communities. From the beautifully maintained surroundings to the quality of services offered, the community itself has become a role model for success.

In fact, Johns Creek has so much to offer in the way of amenities including a highly acclaimed medical center that neighboring metro Atlanta is merely a nicety, as opposed to a necessity. And, with protected outdoor recreational areas, interesting shopping, dining and entertainment options, getting here may be easy. Leaving is a little harder.

Some people aren't satisfied with standard fare. They want more and are willing to work for it.

Johns Creek is the exception to the everyday.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Mike Bodker

Welcome to the City of Johns Creek's 2014 Report to the Community. We're very pleased to present this report to you and hope, as you review it, that you'll gain a better understanding of the City's effort to deliver you, our residents and businesses, exceptional public service.

For the eighth year in a row, City Council passed a balanced budget and was once again able to place funds in reserves. This was no small accomplishment, considering the significant number of capital improvement projects either begun or completed in 2014.

Last year we worked very hard to implement a diverse array of improvements throughout the City. Many were long-term projects which were finally coming to fruition. Others addressed issues that appeared as expected. All were key to assuring the high quality of life we enjoy here in this exceptional place.

As 2014 was coming to an end, we began what is perhaps the most important project we've ever undertaken – the study of a central business planning district, what we're calling simply, "The District." We hired a multi-discipline national team of consultants led by one of the country's leading urban planners to see if roughly 700 acres in our northeast corner can accommodate new development to balance our tax digest, and create an interesting, mixed-use,

destination place. The study should be completed by the summer, so you'll hear much more in 2015 about "The District."

With roads always being an important issue for our community, our Public Works staff once again made significant improvements to many of our most-traveled thoroughfares. Roads have been widened and new lanes and traffic signals added. In addition, miles of sidewalks and trails have been built to enhance connectivity throughout Johns Creek. Our staff did all this while continuing to diligently and strategically plan for a future of improved transportation.

Simultaneously, we continued to aggressively tackle traffic issues with our Intelligent Traffic System. In 2014 we began phase 4 of the system – more cameras on more streets – and worked closely with the transportation departments of the state and adjoining cities to begin using the system to positively affect regional traffic issues.

For some time, many in our business community have asked us to address the City's sign ordinance. Last March, we established a task force to learn exactly what needed to be changed. City Council members Lenny Zaprowski and Cori Davenport worked closely with business leaders and Community Development staff to assure the work of the task force was heeded. By the end of the year, we had key sign ordinance revisions to present to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption in early 2015.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR CONTINUED



Last year, our dedicated public safety personnel continued to make Johns Creek one of the safest places to live in the entire country. That's not just me bragging. That's the opinion of two national organizations which study public safety statistics all over the U.S. The contributions of our police officers and firefighters cannot be understated and I use every opportunity I can to thank them for their exceptional service. I hope many of you will do the same.

What began as a humble idea from our Recreation & Parks staff in 2013 blossomed into the Newtown Park Amphitheatre just one year later. The 10,600-square foot venue opened last summer with an inaugural concert by the Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra. A summer concert series followed, which thousands enjoyed. We're all looking forward to more fun in this exceptional space for many years to come.

By this time, I would guess that you've picked up on a theme here. A theme of exceptionalism. Because, let's face it. Johns Creek is an exceptional place. Again, it's not just me bragging. That's what we learned from residents and businesses during our community branding process last year.

Time and time again, in focus groups, in interviews and in surveys, people said that Johns Creek is a place of high achievers who don't accept the status quo...who don't believe that just because something has always been done that way, that it has to continue to be done that way if it's not working...who do believe that in being the exception we can accomplish anything we envision and everything we need to do in order to assure our future.

I invite you to read further and learn how we've become the exception and why we invite other like-minded individuals and businesses to join us.

As always, we welcome and look forward to your feedback.

Respectfully,

Mike Bodker
Mayor



CITY COUNCIL

The Johns Creek City Charter calls for a Mayor-Council-City Manager form of government. The Mayor and City Council are responsible for determining policies and adopting ordinances. The Mayor and Council appoint the City Manager who functions as the City's chief operating officer, managing day-to-day operations and overseeing staff.

Johns Creek was founded on a principal of citizen engagement and participation. Residents are encouraged to attend City Council meetings so they can stay informed and voice their opinions, support or concern about issues.

Council meetings are usually held on every other Monday. Please check the City's website at JohnsCreekGA.gov for dates, times and agendas.



Mayor Mike Bodker

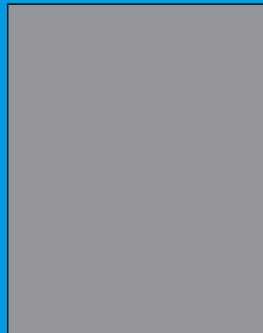
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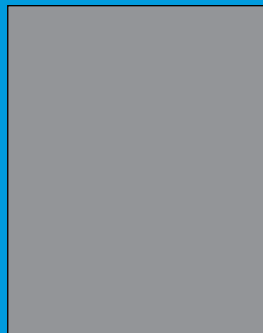
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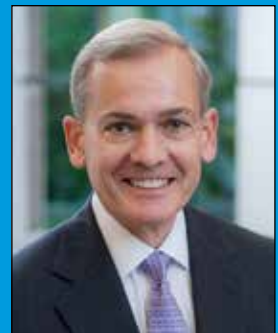
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Bob Gray



Post 5

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Steve Broadbent

Note: Council members Gray and Broadbent were sworn into office July 28, 2014. Council members Raffensperger and Stewart resigned in November 2014 to run for State Representative District 50. Their posts remained empty for the remainder of 2014.

CITY ADMINISTRATION



Many committed public servants work under the guidance of City Manager Warren Hutmacher to provide municipal services to Johns Creek's many residents and businesses. Since coming to Johns Creek in April 2014, he has ably led a team of talented professionals, many with years of municipal government experience, and others with extensive private sector experience. All are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service. Johns Creek works at high efficiency with fewer than 3.25 employees per 1,000 population compared with 10.5 staff members per 1,000 population for other cities of 50,000 or more residents.*

Under Hutmacher's leadership, service delivery rates improved, permit wait times grew shorter, and department operations became more cost effective. Wise management and thoughtful planning are the foundation of his administration, which oversees the day-to-day operations that provide the exceptional public service the community expects.

The City remains focused on making continuous improvements to services and programs for our residents, businesses and visitors.



**According to data compiled by the Georgia Municipal Association.*



VISION AND MISSION



Mission

The mission of Johns Creek city government is to provide responsive, excellent municipal services, well-designed, well-maintained infrastructure, and advocacy for the community in an efficient, cost-effective manner adding value to residents' lives.

2023 Vision*

Johns Creek is a friendly, residential community that becomes residents' hometown. Johns Creek residents are safe, have easy movement within the city and enjoy a range of choices for their leisure time. Johns Creek has an alive town center and a vibrant business community

**As established by the Johns Creek City Council, October 2009.*



Johns Creek Police Department

In 2014, the Johns Creek Police Department continued to keep our community safe – one of the safest in the U.S. for our size – according to Neighborhood Scout (6th Safest City in the U.S.), Safewise (2nd Safest City in Georgia) and Movoto (Safest City in Georgia).

We saw a significant reduction in burglaries across the City – 30 percent.

Last year the JCPD enhanced their community outreach programs, most significantly its Women & Teen Safety classes, training over 200 women and teens in the art and skill of personal safety. The ever-popular radKIDS® continued, as did the under-aged drinking diversion program.

The Citizen Auxiliary Police Services program was in full swing in its second year, adding 19 new members. At year end, a total of 32 trained individuals were ready to help police with necessary duties that don't require a sworn officer, such as providing traffic control, patrolling homes whose owners are on vacation, and helping with paperwork.

The Citizens Police Academy was held in spring 2014, with its 20 students becoming the sixth class to graduate from the Academy. The nine-week program that takes residents behind the scenes of the JCPD is offered once a year and continues to attract civic-minded individuals who want to learn about and get involved in their community.

The vacation watch program was enhanced with citizens now receiving follow-up letters notifying them of dates and times their homes were checked.

JCPD officers participated once again in the Drug Enforcement Agency's "National Take Back" Day, collecting almost 400 pounds of old or unused pharmaceuticals to help reduce prescription drug abuse and the risk of drugs entering the water system.





Johns Creek Fire Department

Throughout 2014, the Johns Creek Fire Department continued to provide public safety services to the community, striving to meet the needs of every individual who needed their help throughout the year. At the same time, it maintained sound fiscal practices and improved efficiency.

Following its Community Risk Assessments begun in 2013, JCFD implemented productive changes in scheduling, personnel assignments and equipment to provide improved fire, emergency, medical and rescue services.

Completing an automatic aid agreement with Alpharetta was an exceptional accomplishment in 2014. The agreement allows JCFD to better protect residents and businesses in the northwest response district, lowering response times and enhancing fire and life safety for that part of our community.

Last year, JCFD offered additional CPR/Automated External Defibrillator life-saving certification classes to its popular Super CPR Saturday events, and continued the Risk Watch fire safety education program at elementary schools.

It continued Fire and Life Safety Inspections at all commercial structures and enhanced partnerships with other fire departments to share resources and collaborate on services and programs for mutual aid.



ChatComm 911

Johns Creek shares its 911 Emergency Communications Center – ChatComm – with the cities of Sandy Springs, Dunwoody and Brookhaven.

In 2014, ChatComm answered 353,627 phone calls for the four cities with a total population of 272,437 and more than 13,000 businesses.

ChatComm's \$5.6 million facility is the largest 911 public-private partnership in the U.S. It was created in 2009 by the Chattahoochee River 911 Authority in cooperation with iXP Corp., a public safety communications consulting firm that handles the day-to-day operations.

Last year saw a major snow storm which left countless citizens and their vehicles stranded on roads all across metro Atlanta. At the height of the storm, ChatComm was handling nearly 5,000 phone calls a day, typically the amount handled in an entire week. A few weeks later, another storm hit, demanding much of the same preparation and response. Calls were handled efficiently and professionally, enabling first responders and Public Works officials to respond rapidly and smartly.

In November, ChatComm received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). It is the first private sector, outsourced 911 communication center in the U.S. to receive a CALEA accreditation in its Public Safety Communications program.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Police

Service/complaints Police calls–	76,392
- Criminal Investigations –	805
- Vehicle break-ins –	230
- Burglaries –	90
- Motor vehicle thefts -	17
- Traffic accidents reported –	2,061
- Hit & Run investigations –	241
- Police evidence logged/processed –	976 items
- Hours of training –	5,746
- Open Records requests processed –	3,822
- Traffic Unit Calls –	5,424

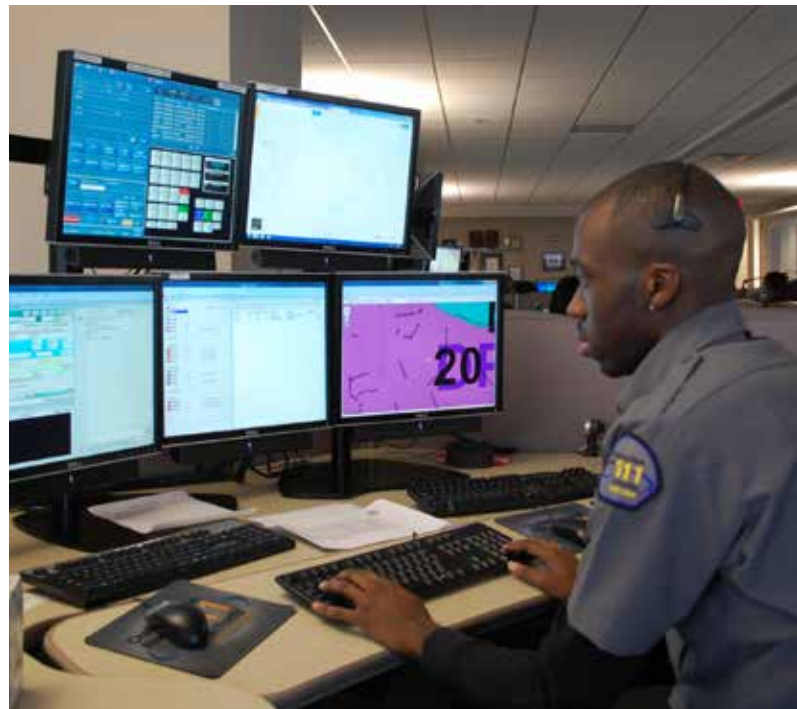
Fire/Emergency response

- Total incident responses –	7,995
> Emergency/medical –	5,792
> General service –	305
> HAZMAT –	109
> Fire Alarms –	836
- Average Response Time –	4.55 minutes (from en-route to on-scene)
- Fire Safety Inspections –	1,563
- Plan Reviews –	414
- Total square footage for plans reviewed–	2,278,999
- Total training hours –	18,280; average 215 per member
- Total trained in CPR/AED –	485
- Total water rescues –	59

ChatComm

- Total calls (4 cities) –	353,627
- Call answer rate –	92.0% / 10 secs. (exceeds 90% industry metric)
- Call processing rate –	93.0% / 60 secs. (exceeds 90% industry metric)
- High Priority Calls –	94.2%
- Low Priority Calls –	85.9%
- Total Johns Creek Police self-initiated calls -	58,335
- Total incidents –	288,913

Total Johns Creek incidents – 84,564



MUNICIPAL COURT

Since its founding in 2007, the Johns Creek Municipal Court has continued to provide an accessible legal forum for individuals to have their court matters heard in a fair and efficient manner, while holding to a high standard of integrity, professionalism and customer service.

Court staff administer all city code/environmental and traffic violations and certain criminal misdemeanors, with two court sessions per week.

In 2014, there were 7,194 citations filed (incoming), with 6,311 of them disposed (outgoing) for an average clearance rate of 88 percent.

The Court continued to work with the Johns Creek Police Department in presenting alco-

hol and drug awareness classes to local high students, as well as the STOP teen driver safety program. A primary component of the Court's approved, pre-trial intervention plan for young drivers, STOP teaches driver safety and creates direct communication between police and parents about their teens' driving habits and traffic violations.



STOP

Last year, over 1,160 young traffic offenders participated in the STOP program, some mandated by Johns Creek and surrounding municipal courts, as well as Johns Creek's. Since it was started in 2009 to address a disproportionate number of young traffic violators, the STOP program has worked with over 4,000 young drivers and their parents.





By the end of the year, operational improvements on Old Alabama, Jones Bridge and Medlock Bridge/Ga. 141 were completed, or near completion. Key intersections of each of these three major thoroughfares were widened and capacity increased by the addition of new turn lanes.

The City also expanded its Intelligent Traffic System, a network of cameras connected by fiberoptic lines to a Traffic Control Center. New cameras were installed on State Bridge and McGinnis Ferry roads, allowing traffic technicians to monitor traffic flow and make necessary changes to keep cars moving at optimum speed. Back-up batteries were added to traffic signals to keep them operating during severe weather.

City crews landscaped medians on State Bridge Road and on Medlock Bridge Road to make a visual statement that Johns Creek is a great place to live, work, play – and drive.

The Public Works Department built more than 2 miles of sidewalks and trails throughout the City, connecting walkers, bikers, and runners to other neighborhoods, shopping centers, and parks.

Additional Public Works Activities in 2014:

- Built a roundabout at Lexington and Sargent roads
- Rebuilt Parsons Road from Clapham Court to Abbots Bridge Road
- Installed a traffic signal at Nesbit Ferry and Brumbelow roads, and added sidewalks on both sides of Nesbit Ferry Road
- Repaved Prestwick subdivision
- Repaved Abbots Bridge Road from the Chattahoochee River to Jones Bridge Road
- Repaved Kimball Bridge Road from Brookhollow Trail to Jones Bridge Road
- Built a sidewalk on Nesbit Ferry Road from Mount Pisgah driveway to Old Alabama Road
- Added a trail on the west side of Medlock Bridge Road from Old Medlock Bridge Road to Wilson Road
- Planted landscaping on McGinnis Ferry Road





PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

BY THE NUMBERS

- Miles of roadway resurfaced – 3.15
- Plants installed on median landscapes – 7,390
- Trees planted on median landscapes – 162
- Sq. feet of sod installed on median landscapes – 83,420
- Sq. feet of sidewalks installed – 97,624
- Sq. feet of sidewalk replaced – 6,369
- Linear feet of curb replaced – 487
- Miles of right-of-way mowed – 726
- Potholes repaired – 563
- Dead animals removed (including Deer) – 152
- Bags of litter picked up - 882



RECREATION & PARKS

Exciting programs and activities presented in 2014 by Recreation & Parks staff continued to enhance the overall quality of life in Johns Creek for our residents and visitors.





Sports programs in our parks thrived through our successful partnerships with the Ocee Park Athletic Association and Newtown Recreation. These partnerships, in place since the City's 2006 incorporation, presented a number of year-round youth sports leagues including: soccer, t-ball/ baseball, girls' softball, lacrosse, flag football, tennis and more.

A highlight of the summer's recreational options was the new Lego® Camp where children used their imagination to build and engineer with the popular building blocks. And Pupa-Palooza, a celebration of our canine friends, returned again to Newtown Park. The City-sponsored JCAT swim team (comprised of qualified swimmers from local neighborhood/subdivision swim teams) had many individual and team top

finishers in the 2014 Georgia Recreation & Parks Association (GRPA) State Swim Meet.

A new program director joined Autrey Mill Nature Preserve & Heritage Center, bringing new ideas for programs and activities to launch in 2015 at the 46-acre wooded retreat. Geocaching – an outdoor “treasure hunt” using GPS-enabled devices – was introduced in our parks.

Clubhouse Fitness classes, taught by certified instructors in the Newtown Community Clubhouse at Newtown Park, help get our residents in shape, stay energized and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Classes expanded this year, adding Tai-Chi, Zumba and LeBarre. Classes are open to anyone who's at least 16 years old. They are reasonably priced and popular among all fitness levels.



In 2014, Recreation & Parks expanded the city's Adaptive Recreation program, hosting a Summer Kick-Off Picnic for the City's special needs residents and their families. The purpose of the Adaptive Recreation Program is to expose participants to new experiences, bolster self-

RECREATION & PARKS CONTINUED



esteem, and promote community involvement through Batter-up Tee Ball, bocce ball, and social events.

Park Place, Johns Creek's adult activity center, continued to be a popular destination for older residents. Its programs keep expanding and now include: Zumba, cooking workshops, computer classes, yoga, Tai-Chi, lunch-and-learn events, art workshops, bridge, a book club, dinner club, "Cardio & Strength," chair aerobics



and chair yoga classes. Its Silver Sneakers/FLEX program is funded by insurance companies who work with Park Place to provide

certified instructors that offer free or reduced cost fitness classes and programs.

Park Place's day and road trips were increasingly popular. In 2014, participants went to the Tellus Science Museum, Callaway Gardens, the Booth Museum, and the Gone with the Wind Museum. Day trips to the North Georgia wineries and Chattanooga and an overnight trip to Savannah were big hits this year.

Park Place also hosted a free Health & Wellness Fair in October with health screenings, exhibits and information helpful to older residents.

Recreation & Parks staff worked closely with the Johns Creek Veterans Association for nearly two years to plan, build and open the Veterans Memorial Walk inside Newtown Park. A dedication and flag-raising ceremony in November drew about 700 for a reflective tribute to our veterans. U.S. Congressman Tom Price and Korean Consul General Seong-jin Kim joined Mayor Bodker for the opening ceremony. The Republic of Korea donated the Korean War plaza, one of 10, each commemorating the nation's conflicts from World War I to Afghanistan, Women in Service, KIA-MIA, and Purple Heart recipients. The 4-acre memorial offers visitors a place to stop and reflect on the service and sacrifice of our military personnel.



RECREATION & PARKS CONTINUED

- Spring Easter Egg Hunt - 1,100
- Summer Farmers Market - 15,150
- Movies in the Park Series - 4,050
- Fall Family Festival - 5,500; Festival Vendors - 70
- Summer Concert Series - 4,400
- City Tree/Driedel Lighting & Santa Jam - 300
- Program/Activity Registrations at Park Place Senior Center - 2,408
- Number of Park Pavilion Rentals - 207

BY THE NUMBERS



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



In 2014, at the behest of the business community, the Community Development Department worked with a citizens' task force to revisit the City's sign ordinance. After months of research and input from residents and business owners, they helped hammer out a compromise that helps businesses promote their goods and services while protecting the residential character of the community.

The Department also revised zoning procedures to allow economically significant projects to be fast-tracked, to encourage greater applicant dialogue with surrounding property owners before filing for a rezoning, and to disallow a

developer from changing a plan after the Planning Commission has held its public hearing except to comply with the Commission's recommendation.

With input from the Department, the City's massage establishment ordinance was revamped to close loopholes that illegitimate businesses could use to circumvent the law.

BY THE NUMBERS

- New Residential Permits issued – 446
- New Commercial Permits issued – 198
- Land Development Permits issued – 36
- Final plats approved – 22
- Illegal signs removed – 991
- Code Enforcement Cases – 936; (34 required municipal court action while about - 61 percent resulted in voluntary compliance)
- Storm drain markers placed – 198



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



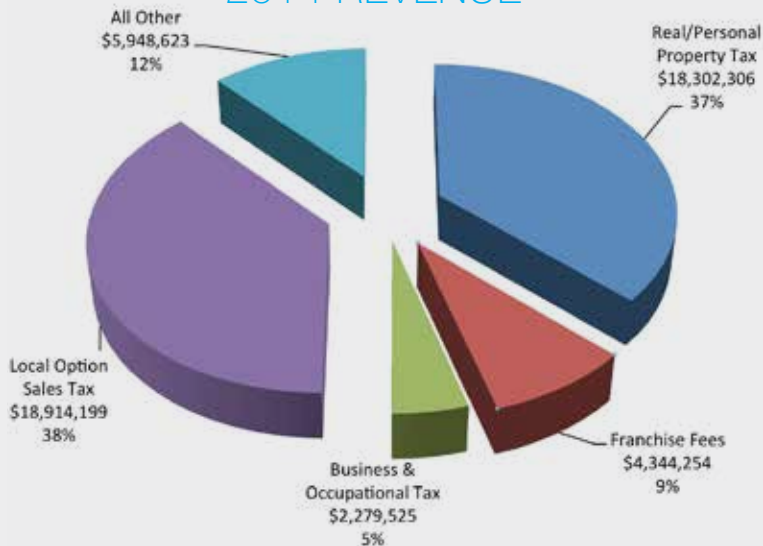
Accounting for public funds, wisely managing municipal finances and thoughtfully planning for the funding of public services are important responsibilities the City of Johns Creek takes seriously.

The City's conservative financial practices, thoughtful policies and strategic planning represent the community's values and priorities.

In 2014, City Council voted once again to keep the millage rate at 4.614, as it has since incorporation in 2006.

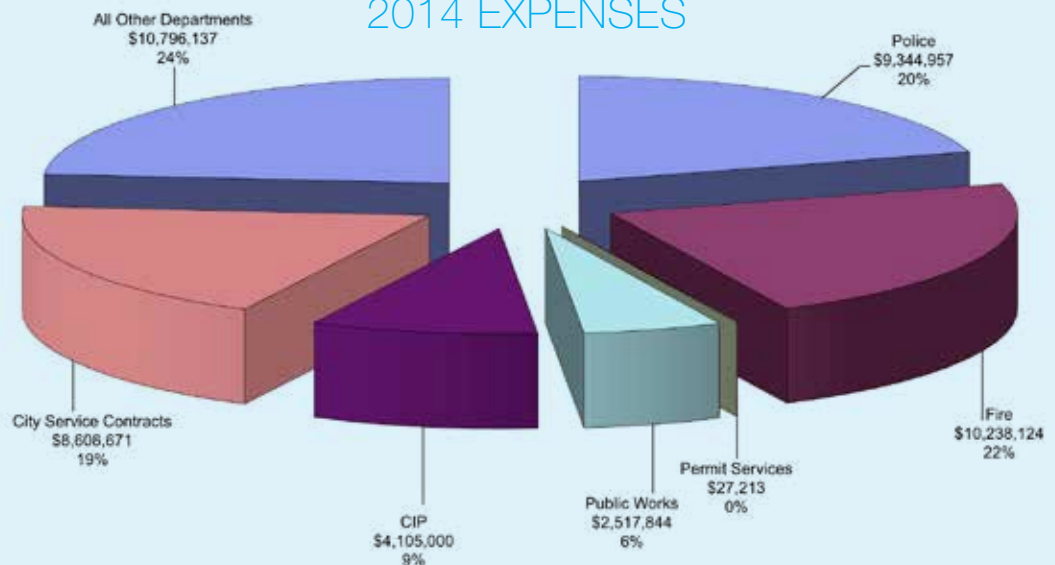
There was an increase in revenues in 2014 of \$52.4 million compared with \$48.3 million in 2013. The increased revenues were largely the result of new construction, rising property values, and a new sales tax allocation agreement with Fulton County.

2014 REVENUE



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded the City's 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with the highly respected "Excellence in Financial Reporting Award." This is the sixth time the City has received this recognition.

2014 EXPENSES



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Johns Creek aspires to be a community where citizen engagement is a constant and vital part of our everyday work in providing public service. We seek dialogue with our residents, business community and organizations, and it is this dialogue that serves as the foundation of our successful planning, decision-making, and community building.

The diversity and uniqueness of our community is recognized and welcomed. We seek early citizen involvement in discussions of projects and policies. Each and every resident has the potential to have a positive impact on our community. It is the volunteer spirit and dedication of our citizens that makes our community shine.

We are fortunate to have many volunteers dedicated to enriching our community in many ways. From serving on one of our boards and commissions to helping at one of our many events, there are many opportunities to volunteer.

Get started at johnscreekga.gov/community/volunteer.



Get Involved



Citizens Police Academy



Citizens Fire Academy



Community Safety Day



Founders Day



Fall Family Festival



Johns Creek Arts Festival



Johns Creek Civitans



Johns Creek Junior Civitans



Rotary Club of Johns Creek-North Fulton

Johns Creek Veterans Association

Johns Creek Public Safety Foundation

Leadership Johns Creek

Johns Creek Teen Leadership

Park Place at Newtown School

Super CPR Saturday



THE AMPHITHEATRE



The launch of the Newtown Park Amphitheater provides Johns Creek residents with a new, naturally designed, open-air venue for the performing arts.

The Amphitheater, a 10,600-square-foot structure with stacked stone and arches of southern pine, seats 400 under cover, and another 1,000 on its terraced grass surroundings.

Engineered to accommodate a wide range of musical genres from acoustic performances to symphony orchestras, the Amphitheater showcased four concerts last summer: the Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra, A1A (Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band), Shane O'Dazier Band and Yacht Rock Schooner. More than 4,000 people attended the free concerts, marking a successful debut for the Amphitheater's role as a facility for the arts.



THE AMPHITHEATRE

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JOHNS CREEK ARTS FESTIVAL



The 3rd annual Johns Creek Arts Festival was a two-day celebration bringing together outstanding visual and performing artists from across the southeast to our community.

Around 50,000 people attended the Oct. 25-26 event in the fields across from the historic Atlanta Athletic Club.

Art lovers and collectors came from far and wide to look at a broad array of visual artistic media, and families from across greater Atlanta came to enjoy the many children's activities, great food and concerts.



The 2014 festival featured Blair Crimmins, Tullamore Road, Abe Parker, Abbey & Dudley, Laura Monk & High Cotton, The Crossing, and Richie Nuzz.

Local performers included representatives from Woodward School North, Centennial High School, North Atlanta Dance Theater, Perimeter Dance, Fleetwood Dance, Northview High School, Johns Creek High School Dance Club, Atlanta Asian Culture Dance, and the Christian Youth Theatre.

As always, hundreds of volunteers helped make the festival a success. In this and other volunteer activities throughout the year, they exemplify the best in our community. The free event was presented in partnership with the Johns Creek Convention & Visitors Bureau.

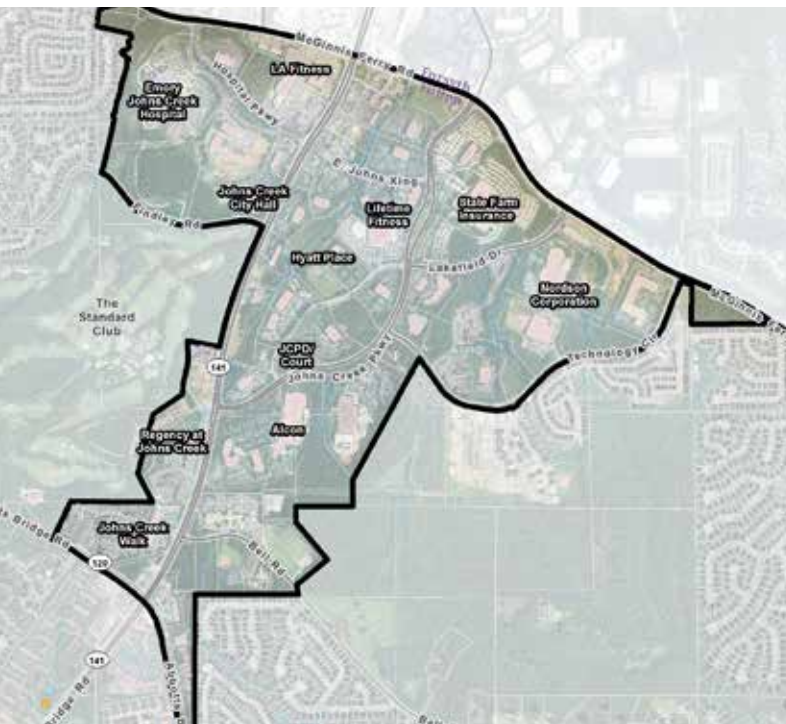


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ARTS FESTIVAL CONTINUED



THE DISTRICT



Johns Creek and its citizens are at a critical crossroads of economic viability, and the path forward requires a bold vision that will define the community's legacy for generations to come. Currently the Johns Creek municipal tax base disproportionately burdens residential property owners who contribute 81% of the total tax digest versus 19% from commercial taxpayers. The exceptional level of service City citizens expect cannot be maintained by this ratio while avoiding property tax hikes and/or cuts to public services if present circumstances remain status quo.

"The District" is an ambitious initiative to transform a 728-acre area centered around Technology Park into a downtown sense of place and community destination with greenspace, shop-

ping, entertainment, and employment attractive to the multi-generational mix of Johns Creek citizens.

The District will serve as the catalyst to transform Johns Creek into a world-class city by becoming an economically strong and socially vibrant gathering spot that reflects the best of the Johns Creek community. The area will create an attractive competitive identity for Johns Creek that sets it apart from surrounding communities. The City has commissioned a multi-disciplined team of national experts to develop a master plan for The District guided by citizen input. Led by Urban Design Associates, a well-respected and experienced design and architecture firm, the team also includes experts in transportation, land use, real estate, and retail economics to ensure all aspects of a development of this magnitude are addressed. The District is the bold vision required to move the needle forward and shift the bulk of the tax burden from residential property owners to a more sustainable mix of commercial contributions.



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Construction Board of Appeals

(five members serve staggered 4-year terms)

Purpose: To decide on cases requesting variances or code interpretation, or to appeal a staff decision relating to regulatory ordinances.

Members: Fred Bradley, Linda Broyles, and Scott Thompson.

Meetings: Held as needed.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Board

(up to seven members serve staggered 4-year terms)

Purpose: An independent body composed of appointed industry representatives, the CVB Board promotes tourism, conventions, meetings and special events in the city.

Members: Bev Miller, Debra Blake, Monte Vavra, Jon Brasher, Lynda Lee Smith, Cori Davenport and Mandy Campbell.

Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

(seven members serve staggered 4-year terms)

Purpose: To hear appeals of the Zoning Ordinance and other Land Development Regulations and interpretations of the Community Development Department.

Members: Michael Kim, Duane Armstrong, Kris Vedula, Swapna Bhawe, Mary Shevlin, John Di Pietro, and Edward Mitchell.

Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

(seven members serve staggered 4-year terms)

Purpose: To provide recommendations relating to Land Use Petitions utilizing the vision and objectives as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and accompanying regulatory City ordinances, such as Zoning and Land Use regulations.

Members: Rose Shane, Eric Fragoso, Lea Taylor, Don Mairose, Emmett Shaffer, Stan Hicks, and Chip Floyd

Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Arts and Culture Board

(seven members serve staggered 2-year terms)

Purpose: Advisory board in matters of policy/administration regarding art and culture, submits recommendations on related matters, proposed programs or artwork.

Members: Kamini Anand, Ron Cioffi, Deanna Maust, Rae Prall, Jacquie Tracy, Kirk Wilson, and Brigid Yeager.

Meetings: Fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Public Arts Board

(five members serve 4-year terms)

Purpose: To provide recommendations and develop "standards" for Public Art and any related criteria for sites and Public Art pieces.

Members: Aarti Nayar, Craig Farquaharson, Scott Kallish, Lauren Kermani, and Richard Loehn.

Meetings: Held as needed

